

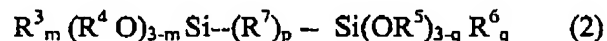
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REMARKSClaim Rejections – 35 USC §102(e)

Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Hanahata et al. (US 6,787,191). Applicants respectfully submit that Hanahata et al. does not anticipate the presently claimed invention for at least the following reasons.

Hanahata et al. shows alkoxysilane with, for example, the following formula:



wherein each R_3 independently represents a hydrogen atom, a straight chain or branched alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a vinyl group or a phenyl group, each R_4 independently represents a straight chain or branched alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, each R_5 independently represents a straight chain or branched alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, each R_6 independently represents a hydrogen atom, a straight chain or branched alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a vinyl group or a phenyl group, R_7 represents an oxygen atom, a phenylene group or a group represented by the formula: $-(CH_2)_r-$ wherein r represents an integer of from 1 to 6, each of m and q independently represents an integer of from 0 to 2, and p represents 0 or 1.

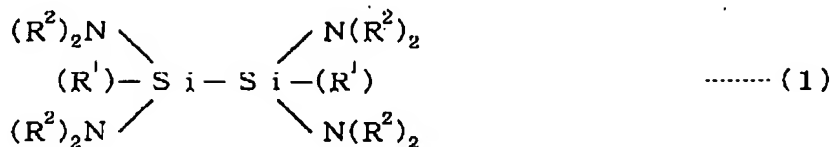
That is, the only compound found in Hanahata et al. that appears to correspond is alkoxysilane.

In contrast, the compound as set forth in claim 1 has no oxygen but has amine groups with alkyl groups attached to some of the groups, That is,

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where R^1 represents a hydrogen or a methyl group, and R^2 represents a methyl group, an ethyl group, a propyl group or a tertiary butyl group.

A further difference is that Hanahata et al.'s compound has no amine groups.

Clearly the alkoxysilane of Hanahata et al., which has oxygen but no amine groups, is different from the compound set forth in claim 1, which has no oxygen but has amine groups. For at least this reason claim 1 is not anticipated by the cited prior art reference. Dependent claims 2-7 are not anticipated for at least the same reason as claim 1.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 8-10 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanahata et al. (US 6,787,191).

Hanahata et al. does not disclose, teach, or suggest a compound as set forth in claim 1. Therefore, for at least the same reason as claim 1, Hanahata et al. does not disclose, teach, or suggest claims 8-10 which depend from claim 1.

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In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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